

**Recommendation of the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee  
For  
The Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan  
Alternatives**

**Introduction**

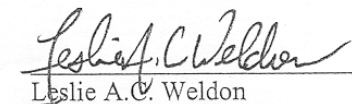
In October 2001, the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee chartered a number of working groups to help provide the BLM with community-based consensus advice on the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan. The intent of this process is to change the traditional approach to public involvement, by engaging citizens in both the planning and implementation of the Resource Management Plan. Although not yet complete, it appears that this approach has merit. More than 80 citizens were sought and ultimately participated on these Working Groups between December 2001, and June of 2002, representing a diversity of community interests. The Provincial Advisory Committee believes that this level of public involvement has resulted in a comprehensive look at the wide range of complex issues with which the Resource Management Plan is concerned. The PAC also believes that - when fully incorporated - the concepts developed in this process will represent a reasonable range of alternatives for the BLM to consider in their Resource Management Plan.

Therefore, the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee forwards the following recommendation to the BLM for consideration during the preparation of Alternatives for the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan:

1. Use as a starting point the draft range of alternatives with the proposed changes presented to the Issue Teams on June 26, 2002.
2. Incorporate the additional recommendations of the Issue Teams (including minority report) and PAC Subcommittee if they can be reasonably accommodated within the existing range of alternatives and still meet:
  - a. the BLM's goal of developing a range of alternatives focusing on mixing and balancing uses, conflicts, and resource protection; and
  - b. are otherwise consistent with other BLM policy and direction

The PAC also recommends the BLM continue to involve the Issue Teams as outlined in the Charter through the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

This recommendation is approved by consensus of the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee members present at the September 12, 2002 meeting.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Leslie A.C. Weldon  
Designated Federal Official  
Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee

Sept. 12, 2002  
Date